IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Art Unit: 1656

Application No.: 10/716,473

Examiner: Robinson, Hope A.

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-104

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO

ACID USING METHYLOTROPH

Confirmation No.: 5759

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to November 30, 2006.

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